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Dear Weisberg:

Your book is extraordinarily good, and I can't find appropriate words for your dedication & persistence in doing that vast & grimy research job for all the rest of us, and in getting the book out despite all those "publisher" bastards.

I did a review of it and Inquest immediately, and I hope it appeared in the last issue of NG, and that it may produce a few sales. I was unhappy that NG hadn't done the job sooner, since we exist (or should) to help people like you; but better late than never.

I spanked Jim for not answering your letter, and he replies that he wrote to you twice.

While I am about it: I have been invited to attend the 20th anniversary congress of the Intl Orgn of Journalists in Berlin next October, and also (since no one connected with IOJ is allowed into the US) to suggest a few names of US journalist-writers who might want to go. Perhaps you would drop me a line to say whether you would consider going in principle - that is, should I include your name on a list of suggested invitees I shall give them (my suggestions will not, of course, necessarily be followed.) The IOJ pays the fares.

I should add that I'm not sure yet if I'll go myself, ~~but~~ my position being that I'm not interested in going all that way just to listen to the chanting of psalms by members of the orthodox church, but would be if there promises to be some real dialog. I have been assured that there will be, and the IOJ Latin American rep. (from Colombia) who flies to Prague (IOJ h.q.) tomorrow will send me a list of some of the more interesting and less orthodox people who ~~are~~ will be attending. Should you be interested "in principle", you too could base your final decision on that.

Sincerely yours,

